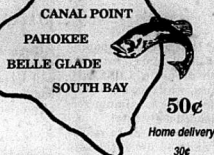


# THE SUN

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**Remember  
Mom this  
Sunday on  
Mother's Day!**

## News Briefs

### Families Forum

Families Forum Focus Group Sessions will be held on May 14, at Glades Day School and Wednesday, May 15, at Gove Elementary School. The sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and will focus on concerns raised by participants at the past two Families Forums.

For more information, call 407-993-4404.

### Card Exchange/Mixer

On Thursday, May 16, the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers of Commerce will be having a Card Exchange/Mixer at Western Communities Family Practice of Belle Glade, 941 S.E. First Street from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Chamber members are invited to attend and get to know other fellow members. Potential new members are invited to attend and learn more about chamber membership.

For more information, call the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745, or the Pahokee Chamber at 924-5579. There is no charge for admission.

### Fun Day planned

Anyone who attended Glades Central Community High School during the years 1970 through 1996 are invited to a Fun Day.

The classes of 1990 and 1987 are sponsoring the event. To participate contact Michael Tyler at 996-9407 or Quanda Jasper at 996-6667.

### Chamber breakfast

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce is hosting their monthly Chamber Breakfast on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:30 a.m. at Glades General Hospital in the cafeteria. The sponsor for the May breakfast is the Bank of Belle Glade.

### Gospel Sing

Miracle Temple Ministries will be hosting a gospel sing on Friday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Many local singers will be participating and Pastor Alvin Nichols invites the public to attend. The church is located at 104 S.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade.

### Western Chamber Mixer

Four chambers, the Belle Glade, Central, Pahokee, and Palms West, will sponsor a Western Chamber Mixer on Thursday, May 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the new Rhinestone's in Royal Palm Beach. There will be a DJ to crank up the tunes, a dance instructor and food. Cost is \$5 per person. Call the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 996-2745 or RSVP.

### New AA group forms

The New Hope Group, a new Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, will be held each Sunday at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Family Center, 7450 State Road 15, U.S. 441, Pahokee. Everyone is welcome to attend. For information and/or transportation, call Milagros at 942-7947, or Harry at 305-567-9125.

## Man murdered at Budget Inn May 3

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Police are looking for men who robbed and then shot another man in the head at the Budget Inn in Belle Glade last Friday night.

Juvenal Cervantes died at St. Mary's Hospital after being Trauma Hawked to the facility about 10 p.m.

Belle Glade Lt. Albert Dowdell said witness told him Cervantes was robbed by sev-

eral men who then shot him and fled. Cervantes was living at the Budget Inn at 1075 South Main Street, Belle Glade. Miller Mortuary in Belle Glade shipped Cervantes body to Tamaxcalata/Gro., Mexico for burial.

Anyone with any information about the incident are urged to contact the Belle Glade Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at 996-7251.

## Pete Moore will serve third term in Pahokee

In the City of Pahokee's election held Tuesday, May 7, it was decided that incumbent Pete Moore will serve another two-year term after beating out opponent Alvis Davis for

the city commission seat.

Pete Moore topped the pole with 275 votes, leaving Alvis Davis with 201 votes. Commissioner Moore was unavailable for comment at press time.

## New legislation will allow Health Care District to merge hospitals in the Glades

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Legislation was passed in Tallahassee last week which gives the Palm Beach County Health Care District more control over the two hospitals in the Glades.

Rep. Ed Healey, D-West Palm Beach, sponsored the bill, which he said will improve health care in the Glades. The bill includes an amendment saying the district must keep at least one hospital open in the area.

"This is positive news," said Michael Layfield, hospital administrator for Glades General Hospital. "It is the first step toward what we need, consolidation."

Mr. Layfield said the merger will save taxpayers over \$4 million a year and less money will be needed from the Health Care District to operate.

Both hospitals have been losing millions of dollars a year

through duplication of services. Pahokee's Hospital Administrator, Don Anderson, was not so pleased with the legislation.

Everglades Regional Medical Center's board moved Tuesday to stop any merger by reorganizing as a not-for-profit entity.

A news release issued May 7, by Everglades Regional officials said "the threat by the county-wide health care special taxing district to sell or close Everglades Regional was a contributing factor to the decision to reorganize the subdistrict, which is the hospital's public governing body."

"We believe this is the best way to protect the investment of the local taxpayers in their hospital. It is an investment that has been made by several generations of people who live here and depend upon Everglades for their health security and welfare," said Mr. Anderson.



**HOMETOWN CELEBRITY TO HOST EVENTS** - Rickey Jackson, with the San Francisco 49ers, will host a golf tournament and basketball game next weekend.

## 5th Annual Rickey Jackson Celebrity Golf Tournament is May 18

Football star Rickey Jackson with the San Francisco 49ers will be in town next weekend to host the 5th Annual Rickey Jackson Celebrity Golf Tournament. He will bring with him many other celebrities who will also participate and play with local players.

The event will be at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course beginning with a tee-off at 10 a.m. Mr. Jackson said golfers will have a chance to win a new Chevrolet, courtesy of Steve Moore Chevrolet, Belle Glade, if they get a hole-in-one on the

seventh hole or four round trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S. if they manage a hole-in-one on any of the Par 3s. Wilson, Gatorade and Rabak are also sponsors of the event and will be giving away numerous prizes.

In addition to Mr. Jackson, other celebrities will include Dan Marino with the Miami Dolphins, Lawrence Taylor formerly with the Giants, Nat Moore retired Miami Dolphin player, Gene Atkins with the Miami Dolphins, Jimmy Spencer with the Cincinnati Bengals, Luther Campbell Pres-

ident of Luke Records, and Jessie Hester with the St. Louis Rams.

In addition to the golf tournament, the men will participate in a basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Pahokee High School the night before the tournament with proceeds to benefit the school.

Call Pahokee High School at 924-6400 for tickets to the basketball game or the Belle Glade Golf Course at 996-6605, to participate in the golf tournament.



**SOUTH BAY CITY CLERK VIRGINIA WALKER**, pictured above, holds her prestigious, Robert N. Clark Memorial, Clerk of the Year, Award.

## South Bay Clerk, Virginia Walker, receives Clerk of the Year Award

Every time the City of South Bay has a vacancy in the City Manager's job, City Clerk Virginia Walker takes charge. On top of her regular duties as City Clerk, Mrs. Walker is presently interim City Manager due to the absence of City Manager Lester Baird, who recently gave his resignation.

"I'm a people person. I like people. They don't always like me, but I love people," Walker laughed. "I know most of the citizens by name. I make it a point to know who I am dealing with and I enjoy being able to do that," said Walker.

Only one clerk a year receives the Robert N. Clark Memorial Award and this year during the Florida Association of City Clerks conference, held April 29-May 1, Virginia Walker was chosen as Clerk of the Year.

The Robert N. Clark Memorial Award is a very prestigious award. It is given for community service, service to the Florida Association of City Clerks and International Clerks Association, and for production and performance in the job as City Clerk. Robert N. Clark was the founder of the Florida Association of City Clerks out of Sunrise Florida. Each year a committee is selected by the Florida Association of City Clerks. Someone nominates the worker who quali-

fies to receive the award and at the conference, not even the President of the Conference knows who the recipient will be until it is announced by the committee.

Mrs. Walker has worked as the South Bay City Clerk for 27 years. It's not boring. There's something new and exciting to do everyday and South Bay seems to be growing a little," said Walker. Before becoming City Clerk, Walker worked at Florida National Bank for 10 years, which is now titled First Union Bank in Belle Glade. She is married and has two boys and one girl.

A few of many other accomplishments by Mrs. Walker are as follows: She has been a member of the Florida Association of City Clerks since its inception, serving on its Board of Directors, serving as Secretary, as Vice President, and as President during the 1986-87 term. She is a member of the Florida Association of City Clerks Past Presidents Committee, Scholarship Committee, Membership Committee, Resolutions Committee, Institute Career Development Host Committee, and IMC Florida Conference Host Committee. Mrs. Walker is a Certified Municipal Clerk, a Certified Literacy Teacher, and also Serves as Trustee of City of South Bay Pension Plan.

## Survey results show Belle Glade teens are educated about AIDS

In Belle Glade, an agricultural community with an unusually high incidence of AIDS, more and more teenagers are waiting until they are older to have sex. Among teens who are having sex, a growing number are using condoms.

"That's good news," says Henrietta Johnson, coordinator of the Health Education and Research Team (HEART), a community education project in which teens educate other teens about AIDS. "In our community, we're finding that teens' knowledge of AIDS is increasing, and many young people are changing behaviors that put them at risk."

Health experts recently released the results of two surveys, one conducted in 1992 and the other conducted in 1994, which show dramatic differences in adolescents' knowledge and behavior during the two-year period. More than 500 youth, ages 13 to 18, were interviewed in each survey.

The number of teenagers who had ever had sexual intercourse fell from 53 percent in 1992 to 43 percent in 1994, the survey showed. Among teens ages 16 to 18 the percentage dropped from 70 to 61. However, among

younger teens, those ages 13 to 15, the reduction was more than 40 percent in 1992 to 29 percent in 1994.

Using condoms is becoming a more common practice among adolescents who are sexually active. When asked if they had ever used a condom, 85 percent of teens interviewed in 1994 said yes. That compares with 75 percent in 1992.

And when asked if they had used a condom the last time they had sex, 71 percent of teens in 1994 said yes, compared with 62 percent in 1992.

"Correct use of latex condoms every time you have sex is one way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS," said Ms. Johnson. "In Belle Glade, teenagers understand this and are taking responsibility to protect themselves and their partner."

Having more than one sex partner increases a person's risk of contracting AIDS. Survey results show that many teens also have reduced their risk of AIDS by having fewer sex partners. In 1992, 47 percent of young men interviewed reported having more than one partner in the past month. In 1994, the

number had dropped to 29 percent. In 1992, 17 percent of young women said they had more than one partner. In 1994, the percentage dropped to 10. Local educational efforts, including HEART, have played a key role in helping teenagers learn about AIDS and learn how to reduce their risks of contracting this deadly disease, said Ms. Johnson.

"We have a lot to be proud of in Belle Glade," said Ms. Johnson. "Adolescents are taking important steps to prevent the spread of AIDS, and they should be congratulated. Health educators, teachers and others working in the community should also be proud. AIDS isn't going to disappear, so we have to keep working to encourage teenagers and all people to maintain safer behavior throughout their lives, to save lives."

The surveys were conducted by HEART, the HRS Palm Beach County Public Health Unit, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the Children's Services Council, the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the Glades Community Development Corporation, and Family Health International.

## Healthfirst

By Paula Swafford, R.N.

### Shake the Habit

**SALT.** As it pours and pours it reigns as America's favorite agent. The average American consumes more than 15 pounds of salt a year, from four to five teaspoons of salt a day, according to a study by a U.S. Senate subcommittee on nutrition. There are 2,300 milligrams of sodium in every teaspoon of salt.

You may consider yourself far below average in your salt consumption. You may seldom even reach for the salt shaker. But **SALT IS SNEAKY!** It is in almost everything, particularly foods that are processed, canned, made convenient, and frozen.

Sodium is a mineral. It comes from the ground so that everything from drinking water to fresh vegetables contain a natural amount of sodium.

Most of us know foods that are obviously high in salt; anchovies, pretzels, potato chips, ham, smoked foods,



green olives, soy sauce and ketchup. Meats are high; fresh vegetable are low. Shellfish is high; freshwater fish is low.

What you may not know is where salt hides. Consider the classic grilled cheese sandwich. The two slices of bread have 234 milligrams. The two slices of processed cheese have 476 milligrams. A tablespoon of butter has 140. The innocent eight-ounce glass of milk to wash the sandwich down has 113 milligrams. This totals 963 milligrams of sodium, and if you add a cup of instant

soup, that adds a whopping 1,058 mgs. more. Total for lunch alone is 2,021 milligrams, which is more than 2 grams, the maximum recommended daily dose!

What can you do to reduce salt and sodium intake, to guard against possible medical side effects?

Simply stop shaking it onto your foods.

Substitute. Add a squeeze of fresh lemon juice or a pinch of ground cloves. Use fresh garlic juice or powder (NOT garlic salt), and some of the salt-free seasonings available in stores, such as Ms. Dash.

Get back to cooking fresh vegetables rather than canned or frozen. (An ear of fresh corn contains only a trace of sodium where as an eight-ounce serving of canned "sweet" corn contains 496 milligrams of sodium).

Learn to read labels. Be selective in your food choices.

Stop shaking! and stay healthy. Till next time....

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—Dorothy Parker



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## Tourism development workshop planned for lower lake region

Communities along the lower region of Lake Okechobee will have an unprecedented opportunity to plan the future of tourism during the second of two Tourism Development Workshops beginning May 10-11 at the Clewiston High School, 1501 South Francisco Street. A preworkshop presentation will be held on Fri., May 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. On Sat., May 11, the tourism design workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshops are sponsored by the Greater Lake Okechobee Tourism Alliance (GLOTA), which is the tourism-promoting branch of

the Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI). GLOTA believes the Lake Region has tremendous natural, historical and cultural attributes that will make Lake Okechobee an important tourism destination in the future. GLOTA hopes to help individual communities develop locations for new businesses -- such as county inns and out-fitters for expedition on the lake.

A similar workshop was held for the upper lake region in April and dealt with tourism for Martin, Okechobee, eastern Highlands,

upper Glades county, and the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation. This workshop will develop a plan for lower Glades, Hendry and Palm Beach counties. A final plan that pulls the entire lake region together will be held on June 7 in Okechobee.

GLOTA membership includes private residents, civic organizations, local and regional governments, tourist development councils, chambers of commerce, and regional planning councils from this area. Funding for the alliance comes from grants, membership dues and events such as the Big "O" Bike Tour.

## West County Red Cross Volunteers receive awards

Two volunteers of the American Red Cross, West County Service Center, received awards at the Annual Red Cross Meeting in West Palm April 25, 1996. The volunteers who received these awards must meet six out of eight criteria including job performance that demonstrates extraordinary personal commitment to the mission of the Red Cross, consistently exceeds volunteer position requirement,

encourages and promotes excellence in others: these are just a few of the criteria.

Pat Lynch, the new Vice Chairman of the West County Advisory Committee, received the Clifford T. Olson Health & Safety Services Award. Pat has an enormous amount of involvement with the Red Cross and volunteers a great deal of time teaching Red Cross health & safety classes.

Patty Hood, a member of the West County Advisory Committee, received the Richard Turner West County Service Center Award. Patty has also been very involved with the Red Cross. She volunteered many hours during the Mercury Spill and gives a great deal of time to the Annual West County Fashion Show that raises funds to benefit our service center in west county.

## Sahara dust blows all the way to the United States

By Mike Lyons

To the veteran sailors of the oil tanker it was just an average storm-26 knot winds producing 10 foot seas. But, to 19 year old Andre Spher it felt like he was in the middle of a hurricane. It was Andre's first storm at sea. It was not a good experience.

Andre was so sick he thought he was hallucinating when he felt sand falling from the sky. How could that be? he wondered. How could sand end up in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean?

Andre was not the first sailor to experience a sand storm at sea. At least once or twice a year a sailor has a similar tale to tell. And, unlike mermaids and sea serpents, this story is true.

The sand comes from the Sahara Desert. It is picked up by the trade winds that blow from Africa to the west. It's the same wind that Columbus used to discover the New World. And, the same wind that pushes a hurricane toward the United States in September.

Occasionally, that sand will be swept into a thunderstorm.



When it rains the sand comes tumbling out sometimes right in the middle of the ocean. Andre and his shipmates experienced a sand/thunderstorm. Chances are so have you right here in Florida.

New research indicates the Sahara dust may blow across much of the United States perhaps as far west as the Grand Canyon. The dust may contribute to the historic haze that obscures the sweeping vistas found there.

Kevin Perry of the University of California at Davis knows all about Sahara dust-he's been studying it for years. When he analyzed the makeup of fine

sand discovered in the eastern United States he found that it didn't match the local dirt. In fact, it didn't match any dirt in North America.

Kevin couldn't figure out where the mysterious dust came from until he looked at a map. "We knew that the Sahara produces a lot of dust and we knew that the trade winds blow it west," Kevin said. Could the mysterious particles be coming from the Sahara?

The answer was yes but Kevin had to go to the Caribbean to prove he was right. "Some Caribbean islands are incredibly dusty," he said. "We know that a lot of dust comes from the Sahara."

Kevin figured that some of the dust must keep on moving west after reaching the Caribbean-blowing all the way to the United States. When he analyzed dust from the Sahara, the Caribbean and the eastern US, he found a match.


Kevin says the dust kicked up by the Sahara storms blows into the eastern United States several times each summer. Some of that dust makes it to Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and as far west as Big Bend National Park in Texas. Kevin is monitoring other parks, like the Grand Canyon, to see if the globe-trotting Sahara dust is making it that far west.


At times, the sand can get fairly thick. Kevin says at its peak the Sahara dust can raise soil particles in the air more than 100 times the average.

Andre Spher's first transatlantic crossing is a voyage he'll never forget. He didn't see mermaids or sea serpents but he did experience something almost as unbelievable-desert sand in the middle of the ocean.

And, as Kevin Perry has proved, it is an event all of us may experience.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WFTB, Channel 25.





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**A COOL JOB...**Linda and Harold Pritchard have opened two ice cream parlors in the Belle Glade with the newest opening recently at 884 South Main Street. The couple say in addition to ice cream and sundaes, they sell hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, soups, and eventually plan to offer baby back ribs.

## Pritchard's Ice Cream opens

Just in time for the hot summer months, Linda and Harold Pritchard have opened another ice cream parlor in Belle Glade. In addition to Pritchard's Ice Cream at 802 N.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade, they now have one at 384 South Main Street (formerly Sweet N' Sassy).

The couple used to manage the Twisty Treat in Belle Glade as well as sell ice cream from several trucks which went through the neighborhoods. They now sell soft serve and hand dipped ice cream, hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, and soups.

### Free class at Belle Glade Chamber

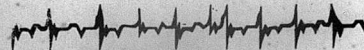
On Wednesday, May 22, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Development Center will be offering a free class about "Advertising and Promotion For Your Small Business" from 5 to 7 p.m. at the chamber building. To register, call the chamber at 996-2745.

Free business counseling with International Trade Specialist John Diep will also be available on May 22. Appointments are available at 3 and 4 p.m. Mr. Diep is a multi-lingual Certified Business Analyst with graduate degrees in Marketing Management and International Business from the Baruch Graduate School of Business in New York City. His specialties are business development, marketing and international trade, but he is not limited to these.

For more information or an appointment, call the chamber at 996-2745.

Mrs. Pritchard has lived in Belle Glade all her life. Mr. Pritchard is a former chef at Tony Romas in West Palm Beach and said eventually he

hopes to sell baby back ribs in the parlors. They are open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and they can be reached to place orders at 996-4660 or 996-1040.



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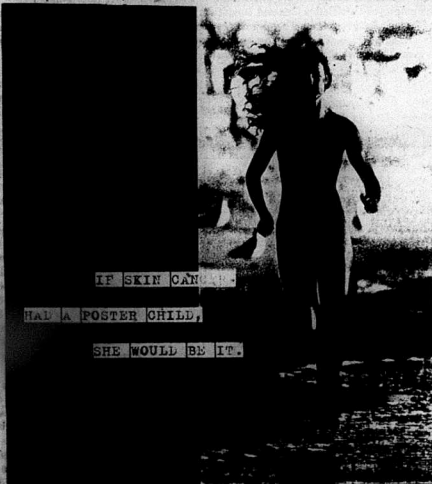
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### Where's a firing squad when you need one?

"From time to time we have heard and read about people who sell secrets to other agencies, as a matter of fact, they're called spies. These are people who are in a position of responsibility and who got their positions because they were deemed to be trustworthy and to be defenders of their country and especially the democracy in which we live.

I'm just wondering...I know you haven't got the solution to this problem, neither do I, but I wonder what happened to the time when people who sold our secrets to our enemies were put before a firing squad?

I believe that system should again be enforced because when someone sells their country's freedom, and civil liberty and try to put us to a disadvantage or to put us in slavery are under control of the enemy. I think that then it's high time for these people to be punished in the severest manner."

### Just a suggestion

"I'm calling in regard to the problem with the education system in the State of Florida. Right now the school board is trying to impose a 1-cent state tax to fund education. I'm strictly opposed to that 1-cent state tax.

I have a suggestion. Why not use one-third of state lottery money every week to go toward education? I'm not in a position to tell them how to spend that money but I believe that in addition to building schools and offering new teachers, they should make provisions from the one-third of that lottery money to give the teachers a raise. Give them a comfortable salary because everything is being mentioned except a raise for the teachers.

Teachers are the reason why these people are in their positions and they are the reason people graduate from school and get a good job or a profession and teachers are the ones being neglected.

So I believe that one-third of the lottery money should go toward education and don't forget, go toward teacher's salaries also.

"Thank you for allowing me to use Speak Out."

Editor's note: Margarita Pinkos, principal at Gove Elementary, is responding to last week's Speak Out about Spanish being taught in the elementary schools next year.

"Gove Elementary is proud to offer all of our student an International Studies program that models highly successful programs throughout the nation. The program planned for 1996-97 is modeled after the Key Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia; Oyster Elementary School in Washington, DC; and Coral Way Elementary School, Miami, FL. The achievement scores of

these schools show students instructed in two languages outscoring their monolingual peers year after year.

In order to prepare our students to be successful in a global economy and a multicultural society we will be teaching our students a demanding international curriculum that includes foreign language instruction. There is no question that America is undergoing another one of its periodic diversity booms. In a global economy, it is the monolingual English speakers who are at a disadvantage. The ability to compete in an international economy is paramount to the continued success of the United States as a world leader. Producing students who are monolingual is no longer enough.

The focus of our program is for students to become literate in the English language and to become bilingual and multicultural. The second language that we will be teaching is Spanish. In addition, students will have the option of taking French and Arabic classes after school. Our well rounded curriculum includes Saturday classes in the performing arts, including ballet and keyboard.

The staff at Gove Elementary is concerned about the low test scores of past years. Therefore, we are making a tremendous effort to implement research based innovations, one of which is the International Studies Program. We invite the community to join with us at Gove Elementary as we prepare our students to take their place in the world of tomorrow."

### Replace Old Glory

"As a citizen of the United States of America, State of Florida, City of Belle Glade resident, I'm appalled that Belle Glade City Hall would allow the use of such poorly maintained United States and Florida flags to fly over the town center.

Just because it's in the southwest section of town can we not show some pride and replace the torn, shredded, faded flags?

"Thank you for your attention."

City Manager Lomax Harrelle responds: "In response to the Speak Out concerning the American and Florida State flags flying over the City Hall, the speaker is absolutely right. It was time to replace these flags, and the City has taken care of the problem."

### What do you think?

"Hello. I'm calling about the traffic light at the corner of Southeast Avenue E and Canal Street, known as 890.

When approaching 890 on Avenue E, should there not be a right turn on red with caution sign posted? One-half of the vehicles turn right on red now, but with no sign, one-half do not turn, causing quite the traffic back up.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Black Gold was wonderful

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to everyone involved in the presentation of a super, first class "Black Gold Jubilee." The quality of the entertainment, food, exhibits, and hand outs was excellent. The courtesy and hospitality was like a breath of fresh air.

Personally, and on behalf of the Arthritis Foundation, I want to thank the wonderful people of Belle Glade. To have been received so warmly and have assistance offered so graciously will be long remembered. It was a pleasure to provide information for those who stopped by our booth. I want to encourage the citizens of Belle Glade to become involved in their Arthritis Foundation. I hope everyone who is affected by arthritis will take advantage of the services and programs offered by the Foundation. And, I hope we will be invited back next year!

My best regards,  
Carol Ann Jackson  
Program Director

## Help prevent teenage drinking

Dear Editor:

Spring is here, and that means many of our young people are preparing for two very important special occasions, prom and graduation. To make this year's prom and graduation festivities safe, responsible, and enjoyable, everyone in our community must work together to help prevent underage drinking and teen drunk driving.

As a company made up of parents and family members, Bernie Little Distributors is working with many community members to help prevent underage drinking, help teens resist negative peer pressure, respect laws, and avoid drunk driving tragedies. This team effort includes:

- Distribution I.D. check materials to restaurants and stores to help prevent illegal sale to minors;
- Providing free of charge through our toll-free number (1-800-359-TALK) the award-winning video *Family Talk About Drinking*, which helps parents openly and honestly discuss the issue of drinking with their children.

It is through team approaches and partnerships like these that our nation has experienced significant signs of progress in preventing underage drinking.

For instance, drinking among high school seniors is 26 percent lower today than in 1982, according to the University of Michigan's annual survey. Likewise, fatalities in teen drunk-driving crashes have dropped a remarkable 64 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. There is still more work to do, and by continuing to work together, we can all make significant contributions.

Sincerely,  
Frank Durville  
Marketing Director  
Bernie Little Distributors, Inc.

## Happy Nurses Week, May 6-12

Dear Editor:

National Nurses Week is May 6-12. Everyone has a week now it seems, or at least a day. However, I would like to especially recognize the nursing staff at Glades General Hospital this year. We have many nurses who have worked at GGH 10 years, some 20 years, and these with nearly 30 years of service. The years worked by licensed nurses currently on staff total more than 600 years. Some live in Belle Glade, others drive from the West Palm Beach area (Palm Beach Gardens to Lake Worth to Wellington), Indiantown, Labelle, Moore Haven, Clewiston and Pahokee.

These nurses bring the warm, friendly, personal approach to patient care that is the heart of Glades General. Each of you are very special to me personally. I would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to our community hospital. You are greatly appreciated. Happy Nurses Week to you all and to nurses everywhere.

Mary Weeks, RN  
Director of Nursing  
Glades General Hospital

## Assurance that a hospital will remain in the Glades

Editor's note: Mr. W. Cecil Bennett, chief executive officer for the Palm Beach County Health Care District, asked that this letter to Michael Layfield, chief executive officer at Glades General Hospital, be reprinted in The Sun to assure residents that a hospital will remain in the Glades.

Dear Mike:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the headline in the Palm Beach Post on Saturday, May 4, 1996. The headline read, "Health district gets OK to close Glades Hospital." The bill that passed the Florida Legislature actually has a provision that insures that a hospital will remain in the Glades. The article was actually positive. However, the headline is very threatening. The important thing that I want to communicate to you is the strong commitment the Health Care District has for the health care needs of people who live past Twenty Mile Bend.

Please tell the employees at Glades General Hospital that there is no immediate plan to close any hospital in the Glades. Just remember, headlines are to sell papers, not necessarily to tell the story. Our future is ahead of us. Let's forget the headline and direct our attention to providing high quality patient care. That's what we are really all about.

Sincerely,  
W. Cecil Bennett  
Chief Executive Officer

## Guest Commentaries

By George H. Wedgworth  
President, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida

Looking at all the recent scientific data, the Everglades seems to be improving. According to the March 4, 1996 edition of the *Palm Beach Post* (Nesting in New Numbers) more wading birds have begun to nest early this year in the Everglades, promising a banner breeding season. Florida Bay News published by Everglades National Park reports Florida Bay may be in the best condition in 20 years. The Governor's Commission on a Sustainable South Florida's technical report states: "Leachachies National Wildlife Refuge and Everglades National Park are receiving excellent quality of water. Further, Dr. William Walker, Jr. recently prepared a report for the U.S. Department of Interior stating that for the 1996 calendar year phosphorus levels coming off the farms



George H. Wedgworth

decreased by 62 percent. That's more than twice what's required by the South Florida Water Management District.

With all this good news about the status of the Everglades, what's all this controversy about?

The extreme environmental community is using every "trick in the book" to achieve their real goal: remove agriculture, specifically sugarcane production, from the Everglades Agricultural Area. Their

latest attack is a petition drive to assess sugarcane farmers a penny a pound of sugar at the processor level for 25 years. A penny doesn't sound like much, but it adds up to a \$900 million tax on Florida's sugar industry.

Well, what does that mean to us? Based on the United States Department of Agriculture's average cost of production for Florida's sugar and the current price growers receive for their sugar the net margin is 1.04 cents per pound. Slip an additional penny a pound tax on us, and it virtually removes all incentives for farmers to continue to farm.

If we don't have a cane crop, the mills can't operate. This tax, if passed, would cost tens of thousands of jobs in South Florida alone. Next, what are the environmental extremists and the tax-and-spend liberal in government going to do with the money if they get it?

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**GARDEN CLUB HOSTS DISTRICT 10 MEETING** -The Belle Glade Garden Club was host to the District X Spring Meeting on April 30. They provided a luncheon for almost 200 people at the event. Shown seated, from left, are Carolyn Schaeff, Florida Federation of Garden Club Second Vice President, Jane Malle, FFGC District X Director and Marion B. Hilliard, FFGC President. Standing, from left, are Belle Glade Garden Club members Linda Steele, Betty Jean Meyers, President and Natanah Nachman, Chairman of the District X FFGC Spring Meeting.

## Speak Out

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Either way, I feel there should be a sign, either no turn on red or turn on red to clear anyone's mind. What are your thoughts?"

**Editor's note:** This same question was addressed in a January Speak Out, but I asked Director of Public Safety

Michael Miller to respond again since some readers obviously missed his response. Here it is again:

"The State of Florida Drivers License Handbook states that you must come to a complete stop for any traffic light that is on red at the marked stop line or before moving into the

crosswalk or intersection. After stopping YOU MAY turn right on red at most intersections, if the way is clear. Some intersections display a "No Turn On Red" sign, which you must obey.

Note: There is no obligation to make a right turn on red. It is at the discretion of the driver."

## Guest Commentary

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The government doesn't even have a plan on how to spend the additional \$200 million allocated for the Everglades in the 1996 Farm Bill. Vice President Al Gore recently announced an additional 100,000 acres of farmland is needed for Everglades restoration. We ask, says who? To achieve what results?

Prudhomme has been told that ~~the~~ ~~the~~ more farmland the available water for all South Florida water users (the urban population, agriculture and the natural ecosystem) will be decreased. An 100,000 acre flowway will be a new demand for water making

droughts more frequent and severe. Water quality won't be improved and sheet flow will still not be achieved due to elevation differences.

We can only speculate as to why they want to tax us, then take our land. We suspect it has nothing to do with preserving the health of the existing Everglades and everything to do with making the Everglades larger at the expense of the Florida sugar industry and the Glades communities. Farmers support Everglades restoration activities and believe that the Everglades and a viable sugarcane industry can coexist. We're taking steps to reach

this goal. Farmers have implemented a series of on-farm Best Management Practices designed to reduce phosphorus in runoff water. We have also committed over \$300 million for Everglades preservation activities through the State's 1994 Everglades Forever Act.

We believe Floridians should give this plan a chance to work prior to levying a punitive tax on the Glades economic lifeline. Help us save our jobs and our communities by boycotting the proposed initiatives. Talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors about this very important issue. We need your help to win this battle.

## Pahokee Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 14 arrests or gave citations during the week of April 28 through May 4. Those included:

April 28 - Tyrone Jones, 24, Pahokee, open container; Frank Anderson, 33, Pahokee, domestic battery; Kelroy Bailey, 28, Pahokee, corruption by threat against a public officer; Kevin Wilson, 20, Pahokee, obstructing and opposing; Vincent Davis, 27, Pahokee, inciting a riot and resisting arrest.

April 29 - No arrests.

April 30 - Anthony Brown, 32, Pahokee, burglary and warrant for failure to appear in court; Calvin Walker, 23, Pahokee, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Murvin Palmer, 34, Pahokee, warrant for failure to appear in court.

May 1 - Curtin Bryant, 37,

Pahokee, warrant for failure to comply with a court order; William Vaughn, 32, Pahokee, burglary to a dwelling.

May 2 - Juvenile, 12, Pahokee retail theft.

May 3 - Murvin Palmer, 29, Pahokee, open container.

May 4 - Stafford Everett, 36, Pahokee, domestic battery; Eltona Hickman, 25, Pahokee, child abuse.

## Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 487 complaints the week of April 29 - May 5 and handled 24 crime scenes. Those arrested included:

April 29 - Regina Jones, 29, domestic battery.

April 30 - No arrests made.

May 1 - Betty Jean Verdell, 52, possession of cocaine and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Lewen Rowe, 54, possession of cocaine; John Frazier, 29, sale of stolen property.

May 2 - John Jordan, 29, burglary of an occupied dwelling and petty theft.

May 3 - Tawana Cannon, 36, stalking; Juvenile, burglary, loitering and prowling, opposing and obstructing police by disguise, grand theft, possession of burglary tools, contempt of court; Jessica Swiney, 19, burglary of a dwelling and grand theft;

19, burglary of a dwelling and grand theft; Juvenile, 17, affray; Janet Silgo, 19, affray; Paul Jackson, 32, contempt of court; Hercules Yarns, 27, obstruction by flight, battery on a law enforcement officer.

May 4 - Pablo Martinez, 23, domestic battery; Alvin Biggs, 20, opposing and obstructing by disguise; Tonya Jenkins, 20, aggravated battery; Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery, criminal mischief; Willie Harris, 21, battery on a law enforcement officer; Kerry Williams, 19, retail theft; Robert Canty, 32, failure to appear.

May 5 - Herbert Thomas, 45, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon; Ernesto Aguilera, 49, domestic assault, opposing and obstructing police, resisting arrest without violence; Bennie Clayton, 38, possession of cocaine; Leonard Willis, domestic battery;

Juvenile, 13, two counts of burglary and resisting arrest without violence; Mike Lewis, 35, failure to appear.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who lat-

# Belle Glade's Charrette - a wonderful experience!

By Virginia Martin.

Friday and Saturday last week, the residents of Belle Glade came together to create a Vision for Belle Glade. Sixty-one people participated in the Friday event, and 86 people joined together for the all day Saturday session. One group worked on a regional vision, and how Belle Glade could tie in with regional resources to improve our physical, social, and economic climate. Another group worked on the concept of improving our town center, the central business area from Avenue A to the Government Complex. The third group worked on neighborhoods, and how changing the face of the neighborhoods could enhance our community.

The report will not be finished for about thirty days or so, but the energy that was generated through this event was like electricity flying through a very tired group of people who stayed through the entire process.

They got to see and hear, from community residents who participated, just what can happen when we open our minds to what can be. Now it is up to you and I, and all of us to make this happen! We will continue the process on Tuesday, May 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the next Citizen Planner Session.

As part of this event, the banks and financial institutions of Belle Glade sponsored an art contest for all of the elementary schools in Belle Glade.

We would publicly like to thank the Bank of Belle Glade, Barnett Bank, Everglades Federal Credit Union, First Community Bank, and First Union Bank for sponsoring awards in the form of U.S. Savings Bonds. Denominations of the awards were \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. We would also like to thank Eugene Jones, superintendent of the Palm Beach County School Board's West Area Office for allowing us to conduct the contest at Glades Day elementary.

We want to thank each of the principals and teachers at the elementary schools for helping to promote the contest, and getting the children involved in the visioning process. There were over 800 entries, and those pictures selected for monetary award were:

First Place: Jose Delarosa -



Belle Glade Elementary  
Jamaal Jenkins - Belle Glade Elementary  
Joe Simmons - Glades Day Elementary  
Christa Stein - Glades Day Elementary  
Juan Calvillo - Gove Elementary

Second Place - Antonia Luanjo - Belle Glade Elementary  
Rocio Ortega - Belle Glade Elementary  
Joe Simmons - Glades View Elementary

Third Place - Josefine Chavez - Belle Glade Elementary  
Griscelda Sanchez - Belle Glade Elementary

Xavier Bryant - Glades View Elementary  
Diana De Los Santos - Gove Elementary

Katherine Comis - Gove Elementary

There are so many people a 1 organizations who need to be thanked for helping to make the Charrette a success. Our conveners were the City of Belle Glade, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Glades Community Development Corporation. Mayor Steve Weeks was with us throughout the entire event as were a number of the city staff. Chief Mike Miller and his staff were very well represented.

The Belle Glade Chamber was ably represented by Leigh Woodham. Leadership Glades provided us with personnel to help register everyone; they were present from beginning to end, and contributed much to the outcome of this process.

We'd like to thank the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, for providing major funding for this event.

Thanks to the City of Belle Glade for the food and refreshments at the event, and to Chief Mike Miller and his staff for the extra security. We'd like to thank Sue Teets for all her help in the planning process.

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## Correction

In a story on the front page of last week's edition of *The Sun*, we printed a story about burglaries in the City of Belle Glade. Kenneth L. Sistrunk's name was listed as one of the 20 arrested during the past two weeks or have found not guilty or against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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and for orchestrating the registration table with Leadership Glades. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council provided funding, staffing, and professional support for the entire event, we'd like to especially say "thank you" to Bonnie Dearborn for her support and assistance in both the planning and in the process. A big thanks to Dr. Effie Grear and her staff at Glades Central High School for the use of the facility, refreshments, and professional support, for use of the auditorium for the production of "Gris, Greens, an Salsa." South Florida Water Management District provided pictures, aides, professional support, and assistance with the planning of this event, and we'd like to extend a special thanks to Susan Mason for all her help. A big thanks to Vicki Silver and her compatriots at Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning, and Building for help with the planning and organization processes, for maps, demographics and historic information, technical support, and her diligence in locating funding for this process.

We'd like to thank Dan Williams, architect from the University of Miami School of Architecture, Harrison Rue from Miami-Dade Community College City Planner Series, Derrick Smith, Architect with the Citizen Planner Series, and their team of graduate students for putting our vision on paper.

These people did an absolutely incredible job, and stuck with us through the entire process beginning last July. They have been excellent mentors, and have not become discouraged as we ranged through the many months it took to get to the actual event.

Finally, we'd like to thank all of the citizens of this community who gave their time, experience, and energy to create a new vision for Belle Glade. What a vision it is! Our next steps must be to enable the citizens of Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, and South Bay, and Lake Harbor to carry their visions into action plans that will allow the visions to become reality: Vision To Action begins on May 31.

Deadline for application is May 13. Call Debra for an application form or information at GCDC, 992-9500.



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## Obituaries

**Broome**  
Lottie Merle Broome, 71, of Ozark died Monday morning, May 6, 1996, in the Enterprise Nursing Facility following an extended illness. Mrs. Broome was a native of Ozark, moved to Belle Glade at an early age and returned to Ozark in 1971.

Surviving are: two daughters - Lynn Turner of Midland City, and Deborah Skinner of Enterprise; two sons - Dennis Broome of Houston, Tx., and Gary Broome of Natchitoches, La.; one sister, Eilon Summerlin of Natchitoches, La.; one brother, Howard Woodham of Belle Glade; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation was held at the Chalkhead Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 7, between 6

p.m. - 8 p.m. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 1996, at the Chalkhead Baptist Church with Rev. Cary Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Chalkhead Cemetery with Holman Funeral Home of Ozark directing.

Flowers were being accepted or memorials may be made to the Gideon Living Memorial Bible Plan.

The Holman Funeral Home of Ozark was in charge of the arrangements.

**Hitchcock**  
Violet Hitchcock, 81, of 252 Begonia Drive, Pahokee, died early Thursday morning, May 2, at her residence following a short illness.

A native of Sycamore, Ga., she was born on October 7, 1914, daughter of the late

Adolph Melvin and Mamie Magdalene Jones. Pugh. She had made her home in the Glades since moving from Ga. in 1939. She was a member of the L.O.P.E.S. and the Canal Point Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Hitchcock; daughter, Martha V. Robin; brothers - Melvin Pugh, Dorsey Pugh, and H.H. "Bo" Pugh; and sister, Hazel Chais-tain.

Surviving are: son, James L. Hall of Pahokee; daughter, Mary V. Lee of West Palm Beach; seven grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. At her request, she was cremated and no services was held.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee, had charge of the arrangements.

## Glades General Hospital's April birth announcements:

April 3 - boy, **Altavious Dean** Madison, born to Johnnie Mae Phillips and Allen Harold Madison of Belle Glade.

April 4 - boy, **Ray Francisco Garcia**, born to Julia Garcia and Jose Francisco Garcia of Belle Glade.

April 7 - boy, **Keenan Sebastian Jones**, born to Kimberly Cyrellia Jones of Belle Glade.

April 8 - boy, **Ché Valier Malik Ford**, born to Anita Williams and Maurice Ché Valier Ford of Belle Glade.

April 8 - boy, **Christian Peraza**, born to Belays Peraza and Heriberto Peraza Jr. of Pahokee.

April 11 - girl, **Markayla Ann Griffiths**, born to Natalie Jean Jackson and Mark Anthony Griffiths of Belle Glade.

April 11 - boy, **Antonio Marquis Singletary**, born to Michelle A. Lewlin and Randolph Singletary of Pahokee.

April 17 - girl, **Biridiana James**, born to Evelia James and Marcial James of Belle Glade.

April 18 - girl, **Janice Mytisha Cox**, born to Natalie Forbes and Erskine Almeron Cox of South Bay.

April 18 - girl, **Alexiya**

Ramirez, born to Maria D. Ramirez and Reyes Ramirez of South Bay.

April 22 - boy, **Sorel Alan Dimanche**, born to Sabrina Seabrook and Sorel Dimanche of Belle Glade.

April 28 - girl, **Carnisha Louise Michel**, born to Carmen Denise Crawford and Rilio Michel of Belle Glade.

April 29 - boy, **Pedro Jovani Lopez**, born to Maria Isabel Lopez and Juan Manuel Lopez of Belle Glade.

April 30 - boy, **Devon Lamar Sznazna**, born to Gaynell O. Spence and Eaton Rudolph Spence Jr. of Belle Glade.

## "Praise in the Park '96" coming to Pahokee Saturday, May 18

The Pahokee Church of God, Concerned Youth for Community Improvement and the Pepsi-Cola Company presents

"Praise in the Park '96". This event will be for the entire community. The occasion will take place in Martin Luther King's Park in downtown Pahokee. There will be uplifting God in praise.

The groups are requesting every sanctuary to participate

in this event. Please come - cool, casual and comfortable - ready to praise the Lord.

The event is slated for Saturday, May 18. The program will begin at 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information please contact Rev. Gerald Banks at (407) 832-2621.

## Editor Jack Smyth, founder of Independent Newspapers, dies at 80

One of America's most colorful newspaper editors, Bernard J. "Jack" Smyth, died of heart failure on Monday, April 29, 1996 in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the age of 80.

He had been the editor and publisher of the Renovo Daily Record in Renovo, Pa., and later the Delaware State News in Dover, Del., and was the founder of Independent Newspapers, Inc., which today publishes 30 community newspapers in four states. He was a past president of the Maryland-Delaware Press Association, and a member of the Maryland-Delaware Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Mr. Smyth was born in Renovo, Pa., a small railroad town, on Nov. 16, 1915, the son of John Bernard Smyth, a jeweler, and Alice Russell Smyth, a nurse and hospital superintendent. His mother died when he was three, and he and his sister were raised by a succession of aunts.

He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Renovo, where he was class president and captain of the football team. An outstanding fullback, he won a football scholarship to Dickinson Seminary (now Lycoming College) in Williamsport, Pa., Lycoming later inducted him into the college's Sports Hall of Fame.

After working for the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the locomotive repair shops in Renovo, he joined his father in the family jewelry store but during Army service in World War II, Mr. Smyth made the decision that he wanted a more meaningful career. Although he had no training or experience in the field, he decided newspapers played such an important role in a free society that he would become a newspaper person after the war.

After discharge from the Army, Mr. Smyth went to Penn State University to enroll in the journalism school. But the dean of the school, noting that Mr. Smyth already had business experience, a wife and three children, suggested that he should instead purchase the community newspaper in his hometown.

So in 1946 he sold his interest

in the jewelry store to his sister and her husband, and purchased the four-page Renovo Daily Record, at that time perhaps the smallest daily in the country. He learned the business by doing it, and by calling on experienced editors and publishers around the state for advice. And he loved every minute of it.

Mr. Smyth always considered himself a "lucky Irishman," and one good example was an investment he made in 1951. A local farmer came to the newspaper office to relate that he had dreamed there was gas on his land. Mr. Smyth invested \$500 in a drilling venture. It produced what was at that time the biggest natural gas strike east of the Mississippi River and Mr. Smyth's \$500 investment turned out a \$400,000 profit.

Mr. Smyth had heard there was one state capital (at that time) that didn't have a daily newspaper. He looked up Dover, Delaware, in an encyclopedia and learned it had a population of 7,000. "If I can make a daily work in a town of less than 2,500, I should be able to do it in a town of 7,000," he said. So he purchased the two weeklies in Dover in 1953, using the gas well profit, his life's savings, proceeds from the sale of the Renovo Daily Record, plus borrowed money. And on Sept. 14, 1953, the weekly Delaware State News became a struggling but lively daily.

One of the highlights of the fledgling daily was Mr. Smyth's daily "Odds & Ends" column. Those days he was a heavy drinker, and the column would tell about his entire day ... putting out the paper, having breakfast with President John F. Kennedy at the White House, or hobnobbing in nearly every barroom in town, and whatever gossip he picked up along the way. Dover was both outraged and addicted. People had to read the column every day just to find out what exploits the colorful editor was up to now... and to find out who might be honored (or embarrassed) by being mentioned.

Mr. Smyth and his managing editor, Jim Miller, attracted an equally colorful staff - journalistic characters like Harry C.

McSherry, Kay Taylor, Pixie Burger, Ned Davis, Ivy Carson, Jack K. Russell, Bob Hazy, Joe Smyth, Ron Stevens and Ginny Ryan. Together, they put out a lively little paper ... and had lots of fun doing it.

But he was serious about the role a newspaper should play in the community, and his journalistic philosophies inspired the company's "Newroom Guidelines," which was later authored by his son and still guides the group's newspapers today.

Mr. Smyth was basically a one-newspaper editor-publisher - first in Renovo and then in Dover, but when his son joined the business in the early 1960's and encouraged expansion, Mr. Smyth was supportive. Soon, the company added papers in Maryland, then Florida (Clewiston News, Belle Glade Sun, Sunshine Newspaper Printing, Frostproof News, Daily Okeechobee News, Senior Scene Magazine & Health Watch of Highlands County, Caloosa Belle, Immokalee Leader, and Glades County Democrat), and Arizona.

In 1969, Mr. Smyth began having health problems. He sold the company to his four children and moved to Arizona. But as his health improved, he helped establish the Arizona group and played a key role as adviser to his son, who became the company's chairman.

In retirement, Mr. Smyth was an active writer of letters-to-the-editor, and wrote frequently to public officials. He cared deeply about politics and the press, and continued to express himself with passion, persistence and unflinching optimism. He also very much enjoyed his extended family, and several close, lifelong friends.

Mr. Smyth found time to write a daily journal, as well as two published books. The first book was a history of his mother's Russell family. The second was his autobiography, "From Diamonds to Deadlines," which will be published later in 1996.

Mr. Smyth is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, the former Eva Mae Stone; their daughters, Connie Biddle, Pamela Biddle, and Lisa Bason; their son, Joe, 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

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# Belle Glade area Host Families needed for International Students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting.

Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their

itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, and many other countries.

P.I.E. has also been invited

to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The

organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs. Doty encourages families to

contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Belle Glade area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may

call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the internet at <http://www.pieusa.org>.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

## Spring piano recital held April 28

The piano students of Mrs. Karen Corbin, Mrs. Janie Harville and Mrs. Rebecca Watson presented their annual Spring piano recital on Sunday, April 28, at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints at 2 p.m.

Students performing were: Bryan Royal, Brittany Martin, Joey Gonzales, Silvio McKee, Elizabeth Gonzales, Kelvina Clark, Mallory McKee, Brett Usher, Krystal Usher, Laura Lopez, Scott Robinson, Stephanie Kirchman, Jennifer McMillan, Natalie Alvarez, Erica Lopez, Los St. Hilaire, Mona St. Hilaire, Morane St. Hilaire, Larry Coonfare, Georgia Pate, Jennifer Pate, Johnathan Finney, Beth Finnannon, Lindsay Bennett, Emily Watson, Kelli Alvarez, and Courtney Braddock.

## Upcoming graduations:

- Glades Day High School - May 31
- Glades Central Community High School - June 7
- Pahokee Middle/Senior High School - June 8



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# Founder's Day observed by Beta Sigma Phi

Five of Boy Scout Troop 622 earn First Aid Merit Badges, *thanks to Belle Glade Fireman Joseph James*



**"YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE"...** Pictured above, left to right, are: Chamber Secretary JoAnn Law, Mrs. Flavy Todd, and Chamber President James H. Brewer.

## Flavy Todd wins Chamber "You Made A Difference" campaign

Point area who would not normally receive the community's thanks. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber. The deadline for September recognition is August 19.



**FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVED...** Pictured above are some of the American Indian artifacts displayed at the Beta Sigma Phi meeting, April 27, held at the Drawbridge Cafe in Belle Glade.

## Five of Boy Scout Troop 622 earn First Aid Merit Badges, thanks to Belle Glade Fireman Joseph James

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## Dick Webber Center opens satellite in Pahokee/Glades area

The Dick Webber center in Boynton Beach has opened a satellite in the Glades.

Gwenette Royal, a former migrant worker from the Glades, is the new Director of the Glades Satellite.

Ms. Royal has provided over 20 years of social services and advocacy for individuals and families with special needs.

As Director, she is "honored to have the opportunity to develop this project in the Glades community."

The Satellite Center opened January 1, 1996 and is located at 104 S. Lake Avenue, Pahokee, Ms. Royal is making the community aware of the

services to be provided, recruiting clients, and seeking volunteers for an Advisory Board and for Parent Aides.



Gwenette Royal

The Dick Webber Center is the only program offering long term high intensity, free of charge, in-home parenting, and support services in the Glades area. This Center will provide services to families who are reaching out for help with their

parenting skills so they can provide a nurturing environment for their children.

If you have any questions or would like further info., call Gwenette Royal at 924-8000.



**GRITS, GREENS, AND SALSA ORIGINAL CAST.** Pictured above, not in order, are Bill Abernathy - Hal Christianson...early pioneer resident; Michelle Brabant - Interviewer; Karen Hooks - Nell, pioneer resident; Gwyneth Doherty - Aida, of migrant parents, teacher, community leader; Kenneth Studdell - Tim, composite of farmworker and professional; Jose Villegas - Pepe, migrant worker (husband of Esperanza); Heidi Cortez - Joy, wife, teacher; Daniela Esperanza - Rosa, Cuban refugee; Yvonne Patterson - Josephine, farmworker, teacher; and Marilyn Diaz-Albo - Esperanza, migrant worker (wife of Pepe). Also Producer/Director Karen Webster, Assistant Director Melissa DeLisle, and Technical crew members Bill Howell, and Stephen Senff.

## Grits, Greens, and Salsa to give last free performance at Tanner Park May 10

*Grits, Greens, and Salsa* is an historic treatment of the Lake Okechobee region of South Florida referred to as the Glades.

The entire production has involved whole communities with local high school, churches, and businesses working together to pull things off.

Grits, Greens, and Salsa gave a special performance to Florida Humanities Council at the Prince Theatre March 23, then gave its premier show again at the Pahokee Prince Theatre April 12. The play also gave performances at the Booker Park Kuwanis Gazebo in Indiantown April 26, the Canal Point Community Center April 28, and the Glades Central Commu-

nity High School Auditorium May 3.

The final free performance will be held at Tanner Park in South Bay, Friday, May 10.

Plans are being made this summer for the play to tour the State of Florida, which will bring cultural diversity and interest of people back to the Glades area. The play will charge a fee, but the cost is undecided at this time.

The play is based on actual interviews with cultural pioneers relating their experiences within the community. Set in the present, the stories reflect the period between 1911 through the 1980s.

The play is performed in *Readers Theatre* style which is an oral presentation of

written stories by two or more actors.

The objective is to develop a reader-audience relationship similar to storytelling, but with actors reading from a script and using characterization and narration in a staged program. This allows the audience to create their own images through the skilled performance of the readers, and without the aid of elaborate sets, lights, and costumes.

(Producer's Note)

This project was funded by the Florida Humanities Council, and sponsored by the City of Pahokee. However, the contents and opinions do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Florida Humanities Council or the City of Pahokee.

## Columbia Hospital earns accreditation with commendation from Joint Commission

Columbia Hospital has been accredited with commendation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Accreditation with commendation is the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission, and only 12 percent of all hospitals in the nation accredited by the JCA-

HO last year resulted in special commendation.

As the nation's oldest and largest accrediting body, the JCAHO was formed in 1951 to improve the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The Joint Commission's on-site survey of Columbia Hospital

was performed last summer.

"We are extremely pleased to have achieved accreditation with commendation," said Columbia Hospital CEO Mike Fencel. "Our hospital staff works diligently to provide the best possible health care to our patients."

Columbia Hospital is an affiliate of Columbia, the

nation's largest healthcare services provider. Located in West Palm Beach, the hospital is a 250 bed facility with a 24 hour emergency department, surgical, mental health and home health services, comprehensive breast center, birthing suites, hyperbaric medicine department and wound care center.



**APPRECIATION AWARD GIVEN...** Pictured above, left to right, are Columbia Palms West Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Campbell, as he accepts an award in appreciation of the hospital's sponsorship of the 1996 ACS 125 Fundraising Gala from the Chairman of the American Cancer Society 125 Wellington Chapter, Dennis Witkowski.

## Columbia Palms West Hospital receives Appreciation Award

The ACS 125 Fundraising Gala event raises more than \$15,000 annually and is one of the most popular fundraising activities in the Western Communities.

"We enjoy participating in worthwhile programs such as ACS 125," said Campbell.

"As a concerned healthcare provider, it is our responsibility to take a leadership role in raising much needed dollars for research and patient care," Campbell added.

In recent months, members of our management team also spearheaded the Palms West Heart Walk which raised \$18,000 and participated in the very successful Wellington Leukemia Celebrity Waiters Luncheon.



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The end of the 1995/96 school year is near and the seniors are impatiently counting down the number of days until graduation on May 31. Their last day of classes will be Monday, May 20, and then they will spend the rest of the week finishing up semester exams.

It was a "Nite on Ice" for the juniors and seniors as they

attended the Junior/Senior Prom last Friday, May 3. The juniors, under the direction of sponsor Dorinda Shutts and parent volunteers, had spent the previous week working on decorations and transformed the Belle Glade Elks Club to a "winter wonderland," complete with an ice castle and waterfall. After a dinner of glazed chicken and vegetables, prom-goers cleared the floor for a night of dancing, followed by fun and games at the "After Prom" party sponsored by the junior parents. Congratulations go to Wren Sloan and Tara York, who were

crowned Prom King and Queen.

Spring can mean many things, but if you're a football player at Glades Day you know it's time to get in shape with spring football training. Coach Mandy Perez has approximately 40 players who are sweat'n in the sun as they go through drills and play formations. The results of their efforts can be seen twice this month as they play the second annual "Green & Gold" game at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 17, and then participate in Moore Haven's Jamboree May 25.

With summer almost here,

many parents of elementary students may be wondering what to do with their children during the summer months. Well, wonder no longer, GDS is offering summer camps for students of all ages from June 10-Aug. 2. The camps are split into three levels - Junior Gators (students entering grades 3-7), Little Gators (students entering grades 1-2), and Tiny Gators (students entering K3 - K5). All kinds of activities and trips are planned for each group. For more information, please contact the Main Campus elementary office at 996-4140.



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**PIONEER PARK ELEMENTARY TEACHES PARENTS HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN DURING TEST TIME...** Pictured above are some of the parents and faculty who were working towards improving CTBS Test scores. The CTBS Test Day was held March 28 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Over 50 parents went to Pioneer Park Elementary to support and learn how the CTBS (Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills) test affects their children and what they could do at home to help their children prepare for the test. Pictured above, not in order, are Jacqueline Burns & daughter, Jasmine Collins, Principal Anne Turner, Assistant Principal Jessie Jenkins, Bridget Carter & daughter, Alexandra Carter, Martha Huggins & daughter, Naphtharia Dorviers, Sue Rumph, Maria Perez, Jose Perez, Parent Advocate, Edna Stephens, Mary Smith, Consuelo Hill, Juland Selders, Sylvia Mesa, Emma Dove, Laverne Sanders, and Cynthia Nelson. CTBS test results will return later in the year.

## Glades Day School's honor roll, Fifth six weeks

### High school - Grades 7-12 7th grade

**All A's**  
Peggy Altman, Joanna Alvarez, Robert Bussey, Nina Conte, Kristen Gilliam, Ronda Halum, Kristin Hatten, Summer Miller, Becky Outz, Marybeth Tynik, Ashley Veale, and Heather York.

**A's & B's**  
Jayme Arnold, Chris Carter, April Doney, Eric Edwards, Zeina El-Daghar, Angie Gonzalez, Shatila Halum, Laura Ann Martin, Andy Matthews, Yamin Mohamad, Eric Morris, Jason Morris, Donna Marie Moss, Denise Powell, Denise Penuel, Matt Prescott, Joanna Rumpf, Kristina Sanchez, Corrinne Tillman, and Sarabeth Tssold.

### 8th grade

**All A's**  
Kelly Alvarez, Josh Braddock, Jonathan Lively, Nisha Madhav, and Emily Reese.

**A's & B's**  
Tim Burns, Lindsay Curtis, Jeremy Fountain, Kara Hatten, Andy Hollingsworth, Josh Kannel, Sandra Lines, Cristina Llorens, Melissa Molina, Julie Morales, Parral Shutt, Jai Subramanya, Aileen Torrecilla, Erica Williams, Kyle Woodham.

### 9th grade

**All A's**  
Kit Hamilton, and Eddie Motes.

**A's & B's**  
Julie Baumgartner, Josh Crawford, Wesley Hawk, Derek Lamb, Jennifer Pate, Stephen Pate, Brooke Prescott, Donnie Scruggs, and Cyndi Wetherington.

### 10th grade

**All A's**  
Parker Altman, Carla Alvarez, Courtney Braddock, Michelle Herring, and Kristy Perez.

**A's & B's**  
Trey Alava, Nicole Alvarez, Brianne Bahruth, Ashley Cunningham, Mary-Anne Hollingsworth, Stephanie Pate, Suzie Shatara, Kelly Vickery, and Emily Watson.

### 11th grade

**All A's**  
Jackie Alvarez, Miriam Barhoush, Tamam Barhoush, and Mickey Stevens.

**A's & B's**  
Jessica Alvarez, Lesley Carter, Ashly Curtis, Karen DeCastro, Gada Halum, Monica Schmidt, Laura Shiver, Janet Towell, and Leslie Woods.

**12th grade**  
**All A's**  
Jennifer Griffin, and Denelda King.

**A's & B's**  
Patrick Altman, Eddie Campbell, Marnee Kohr, David Lively, Mathew Lowery, Laura Mayo, Fida Musallet, Jai Salvatore, and Tara York.

### Main Campus - Elementary

#### 1st grade

**All A's**  
Brooke Allen, Adriana Avila, Brittany Carter, Desarea Davis, Kaele Fontaine, Cameron Gay, R.J. Hernandez, Veronica Horta, A.J. Hughes, Brandy Johnson, Michael McMillan, Kalya Rayburn, Christina Ruiz, Alleigh Schlechter, Kaley Schlechter, Justin Meeks, and Luke Woodham.

**A's & B's**  
Robert Basore, John Presley Cobick, Bobby Gummere, Shirley Holley, Michael Korbly, Haley McMillan, Deirdre Moss, Michael Mouton, J.W. Orsenigo, Zachery Weiland.

#### 2nd grade

**All A's**  
Charles Bahruth, Tohin Basore, Latariel Dennard, Noel Slesinger, and David Woodham.

**A's & B's**  
Carl Abbott, Courtney Allen, Ashley Baughman, Kasey Brooker, Kuanusula Brown, Joshua Dean, Jose Gonzales, Amy Hooker, Amanda Mayo, Amanda Palmer, Chuck Simmons, James Towell, and Nicholas Wingeat.

#### 3rd grade

**All A's**  
Jaime Alvarez, Mallory McKee, and Aliana Payret.

**A's & B's**  
Cley Anderson, Ginnie Anderson, Amanda Lewis, Kristen Lynch, Shelby Markham, Scott Robinson, and Jennifer Romagosa.

#### 4th grade

**All A's**  
Preston Baez, Jenna Conte, Amanda Orsenigo, and Andrea Payret.

**A's & B's**  
Jorge Alonso, Amanda Browder, Erin Francis, Carrie Gilmer, Elizabeth Gonzales, Kasey Hawk, Leslie Levins, Danielle Martin, Rahil Patel, and Christina Rionda.

#### 5th grade

**All A's**  
Natalie Alvarez, Gary Brooks, Blake Herring, Brock Markham, Sadie McKee, Nicky Sanchez,

and Liz Wilson.  
**A's & B's**  
Ronny Brown, Justin Longoria, and Raj Subramanya.

#### 6th grade

**All A's**  
Matt Sanchez.  
**A's & B's**  
Hela Barhoush, Charles Brown, Olivia DeCastro, Dustin Echenique, Jessica Johnson, Jordan Keene, Jeffrey Rey, Lauren Sweet, Melanie Walker, and Eric Wingate.

### West Campus - Elementary K5

**All A's**  
Daniel Barber, Caleb Duff, Kevin Royal, Michael Shackelford, and John Stewart.

**A's & B's**  
Jessica Bair, Devon Edwards, Krystal Elmore, Natalie Harville, Erin McCarthy, Andrew Pate, Lauren Throop, and Sara Meza.

#### 1st grade

**All A's**  
Jalynsey Brown, and Lauren Royal.

**A's & B's**  
Renee Escamilla, Christopher Kelley, April Mosley, Rogelio Nunez, Candace Pavey, D.C. Sutterfield, and Elizabeth Yance.

#### 2nd grade

**All A's**  
Clarence Anthony, Jonathan Dixon, Kirsten Duff, Jeffrey Edwards, Travis Hendry, and Russell Pate.

**A's & B's**  
Zuley Arnold, Lukeisha Pusey, and Bryan Royal.

#### 3rd grade

**All A's**  
Jay Hendry, Keren Rodriguez, and Joanne McClellan.

**A's & B's**  
Joshua Chamblee, Lee Gay, Jessica Paez, Anthony Sandlin, Hayley Smith, and Anilith Torrecilla.

#### 4th grade

**All A's**  
Eric Royal.  
**A's & B's**  
Brandon Jackman, and Hershia Spurlock.

#### 5th grade

**All A's** - none.  
**A's & B's**  
Ashley Dixon.

#### 6th grade

**All A's** - none.  
**A's & B's**  
Christin Hartzog, Chandra Manuel, and Georgia Pate.



**PIONEER PARK'S HISPANIC EXTRAVAGANZA** was celebrated with performances by students and faculty.

## Pioneer Park Elementary was host to 1st Annual Hispanic Extravaganza

Thursday, May 2, was an unforgettable celebration for Pioneer Park Elementary Schools students, faculty and staff.

It was their First Annual Hispanic Extravaganza. The Hispanic Extravaganza included everyone in the school from the cafeteria, students, and faculty.

The Master of Ceremonies was Juan Gonzales; Araceli Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance; Francis Flores gave the Welcome; and Presentations were made by Pre-K through 5th, the ESE Class,

and the Library for Kids Club.

Mayra Flores directed the song "Turn the Beat Around", while Chairperson Barbara Rutledge, Coordinator of the Extravaganza event, led the vocals.

To end the presentation, a special treat for the students and parents, faculty - including Principal Anne Turner, Assistant Principal Jessie

Jenkins, etc. - performed the ever-popular dance called "The Margenera". Closing remarks were given by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Jenkins.

"The First Annual Hispanic Extravaganza was done at Pioneer Park in conjunction with Multi-Cultural Awareness efforts for the county," said Chairperson/Coordinator Barbara Rutledge.



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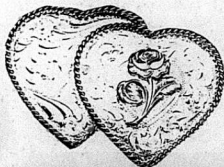
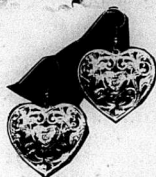
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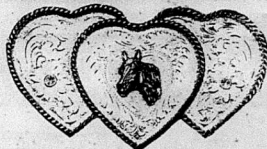
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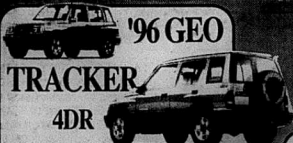
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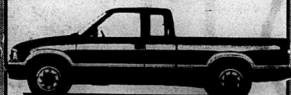
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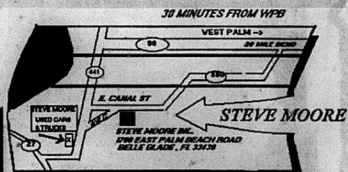
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The survey results will be used to determine the accreditation status of the hospitals. The survey results will be made available to the public upon request.

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